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Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

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I am, Gentlemen,
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The Board will consist of not less than three, nor more than five Directors, one of whom shall retire annually, being, however, eligible for re-election.

The Funds of the Company will be invested in such manner as may be determined on by the Directors.

So soon as a sufficient portion of the profits of the Company shall have been set aside to form a moderate Reserve Fund, the Directors have the discretionary power of returning to the Shareholders a bonus on the amount of Freight and Passage Money contributed by them, and the balance of profit will be annually divided between the Shareholders generally.

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An application for Shares, followed by an allotment, will constitute the applicant a Shareholder in the Company, under the terms of the Company's Articles of Association.

Hongkong, February 3d, 1870.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

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TRAUTMANN & Co.,
Secretaries, pro tem.

2254 Shanghai, 23rd November, 1869.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, AND PARTICULARS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT,
On the 31st December, 1868.

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	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital £285,550, of which is paid up.....	142,775	0	0
General Reserve Fund.....	225,536	3	6
Balance of Profit and Loss.....	105,474	3	5
Marine and Fire Insurance Funds, consisting of Premiums in hand in excess of settlements.....	313,008	9	0
Life Assurance Funds, consisting of Premiums in hand with accumulated Interest in excess of settlements.....	1,831,150	1	5
	£2,617,533	17	4
Life Claims admitted and in course of payment.....	32,699	0	10
Annuities unpaid, and sundry outstanding Accounts.....	6,307	16	0
	£2,656,539	17	4
British Government Securities	£ 591,255	s. 13	d. 2
Mortgages.....	1,214,616	14	4
Indian Debentures, and Railway and other British Debentures.....	445,275	0	0
Sundry other Investments.....	21,342	2	5
Cash at Bankers and on Deposit, and Bills receivable.....	96,405	16	1
	£2,371,905	7	0
Premiums and Interest due and in course of collection.....	30,635	7	3
	£2,402,540	14	2

By the above abstract, it will be seen that the Corporation has Funds in hand amounting to £2,656,533 17s. 4d. to meet all its unsecured Liabilities.

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1st Nov. to 31st Dec., 1868	Middle.	1,299,189	49,336	474,484	374,134	110,456
31st Dec., 1868	New.	1,959,010 50,922 Bonus	81,837	360,127	275,906	104,222

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Annual Premiums in 1868 £750,083
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Total Income of this Department..... £213,643

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The Daily Press

HONGKONG, MARCH 2ND, 1870.

This long negotiation with reference to the amalgamation of the Docks has now so far progressed that the matter will be decided finally within the next few days. Opinion upon the question has now become almost unanimous, and it is to be hoped that the amalgamation will be duly effected. It is perhaps worthy of note that the Shareholders who were appointed to form a Committee in conjunction with the Directors, consisted chiefly of gentlemen who had expressed themselves rather against than in favour of amalgamation—a circumstance which is in some degree a matter of congratulation, as it forms a guarantee that the final decision on the subject will not be come to except after those who are least anxious for amalgamation, have felt themselves justified in concurring in the measure.

It is certainly a very noticeable circumstance that it has taken the Government exactly five months to publish the minutes of the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 30th September last. What the cause of this somewhat unusual delay is, of course, wrapped up in that mystery which always attaches to the doings of the Hongkong Government; and, though no doubt it is in due accordance with some recognised red tape principles, it is nevertheless a fact calling for some attention. The length of time, which these minutes have taken to prepare, has apparently aided their being placed in a peculiarly succinct and condensed form, the lengthy debate and objections made to the estimates being summarized into a mere statement of "debate ensued," or "discussion followed"—the non-official remarks being considered of too little importance to be recorded officially. The fact is probably only an accurate indication of the amount of weight which is attached to them, and of the hopelessness of any good being done so long as the present organisation of the Legislative Council continues.

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MEETING OF THE UNION DOCK COMPANY.

A Special Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company, for the purpose of endorsing the resolutions passed at the last meeting, was held yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Capt. ENDICOTT in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Secretary,

Mr. POLLARD rose to suggest that before the minutes were put to the meeting, the Chairman should adjourn it, in consequence of the renewal of the negotiations for the amalgamation of the two Companies. At a meeting of the other Company, which had just been held, a committee had been appointed to consider the question as submitted by the Board of the Union Company, and it had been resolved that the decision of that committee would be binding on, and final to, the Hongkong and Whampoa Company. He thought it would be very unwise for the present meeting to commit itself by confirming the resolutions which had just been read. If the terms they had proposed to the Company should be accepted, there would be no necessity for carrying out the resolutions, and he thought he was speaking the opinion of all present when he said they could make no further submission or reduction in the terms. He would suggest that the Chairman should adjourn the meeting, as he had power to do, should the majority desire it, till 3 o'clock on Thursday, when they would proceed to transact the business for which this meeting was called.

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The notice convening the meeting having been read,

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POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BEFORE C. MAY, ESQ.
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LARCENY.

Thomas Hawkins, farrier, charged his cook, Simon cain, with stealing from him a dollar and a five dollar note. For some time past he had been missing money from his chest, to which he believed the cook had access by means of a false key. He had missed $800 or more from time to time. At length he adopted the precaution of marking some dollars and taking the numbers of some notes. These remained in his chest for some days, but on Sunday he found that two of the marked dollars and one of the notes had disappeared. He then asked the cook to lend him a dollar, when he produced one of the marked ones, and also took from his pocket a note, which he afterwards did away with in some manner. Complainant had given the cook a dollar shortly before to pay the coolies, but not one of the marked dollars. Other articles belonging to complainant had also been found amongst the defendant's clothes, such as the watchkey, a Chubb's lock, some gold lace, a stiletto, some chamois leather, a sponge, and other miscellaneous.

His Worship supposed that Asam had been so often to his master's house that he came to regard his master's property as his own. This was an unlawfulle state of mind to be in, and he was sent to try a course of treatment with hard labour for six months in gaol.

IN OLD OFFENDER.

A man who had been four times convicted of larceny, and had received a pardon on the last occasion, on condition that he should leave the colony, was brought up on a charge of insolence, and sent back to gaol to serve out the remainder of his sentence, which would occupy him for twelve months.

ONLY JOKING.

Two men arrested for fighting in the streets, stated in defence that they were only joking, but were told that when they wanted to joke in so demonstrative a manner that it looked like fighting, not they had better kept out of the way of the police. Fined half a dollar each.

THE STANLEY MURDER.

In the case of the supposed murder near Stanley, Mr. Brereton applied for the admission of the prisoners to bail, there being no fresh evidence, and indeed hardly any evidence at all against them. He submitted that there was still nothing to show that a crime had been committed at all, and the story of the little boy, the only evidence with the name, was not very valuable, as there were two or three points on which it broke down. Inspector Hudson, however, objected to bail being allowed for another week, though he confessed that without the assistance of the Chinese authorities he could proceed no further in the case. It appeared that the crime, if crime there were, was committed in Chinese territory, a point which would not however interfere with the inquiry before the court until a later stage of the proceedings, when the case would have to be sent to the Governor.

MURDER.

Among, of Singapore, late a seaman on board the S. S. *Asaf*, was again brought up, and the evidence of the Colonial Surgeon taken. Dr. Murray stated that on the night of the 24th ultimo, a Malay, named Hussein, was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital, with blood issuing from his mouth and nose, and blood and brain from his right ear, and died ten minutes after his admission. On *post-mortem* examination, next morning, all the organs were found healthy, the only mark of violence being an extension limine above the right ear, under which was found a large clot of blood, and a fracture of the skull extending through the temporal bone right across the base of the skull; the brain was covered with effused blood, and the injury causing this condition of matter must have been the cause of death. It might have been done by a blow with a very heavy weapon, or by a fall from a height upon some projecting hard substance. It could not have been done by a blow with the fist. Prisoner asked no questions, and the case was further remanded until the 2nd inst., at 11 A.M.

CHAIR COOLIES' FRIENDS.

Mr. Edward Leary, second officer of the British ship *Lahloo*, was ordered to pay 75 cents chair-hire, in default one day's imprisonment, inasmuch as chair coolie No. 244 deposed that he carried him from 9 p.m. of the 28th until half-past twelve, for which defendant had refused to pay him. Complainant believed him to be in liquor, and this was corroborated by P.C. Creed, who stated that he was under the influence of drink.

"INRIFE."

Wong-a-fook, of Toong-loon, unemployed, who pleaded that he was a disappointed newcomer, in search of employment, was fined $1, or the customary equivalent in imprisonment, and the discipline of enforced labour, having been found "redeeming his time" in Market-street, having the mat, cup, and cash produced in his hand when seized by Indian police constable No. 301 in *flagrante delicto*.

SHOOTING A GIRL.

Lewis Gulley, of Austria, Naval Yard Police-constable No. 25, was finally committed, after many remands from the 10th day of January, for trial at the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court, for shooting a girl in a brothel in Taipingshan, with a revolver on the 9th ultimo. Defendant, who had not asked any questions of any of the witnesses, after being cautioned in the terms of the Ordinance, stated that he reserved his defence for the Supreme Court.

COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE JUDGE J. C. WHYTE.

THE COLONIAL TREASURY, HIPSAN-CHEONG.—This was an action to recover $3 86, being arrears of crown-rent for the past year. Decree for the plaintiff with costs and interest. Another similar suit, for $5.52, in which Cheung-kum was defendant, was decided in the same way, and a third was settled out of court.

LEGEND-THE-WAY-A-KING.—This was another action against the captain of a ship for wages due to the plaintiff, as cook of the vessel. The case was part heard last week, and postponed for the attendance of a witness, who now appeared. The plaintiff had been engaged to come to Hongkong from an American port, at $30 a month. On reaching Amoy, after being out three months and eight days, he left the ship, disregarding his wages, but now sued for the sum due for the time he had been on board. His Honor thought that, all things considered, the man was entitled to some wages, and ordered a deposit for $20 and costs.

CHOY-HUNG CHOY v. D. ILLINGWORTH.—This was an action to recover $281 83, the amount of an account for coke and coals supplied to the defendant. Defendant did not appear, and judgment went for the plaintiff, by default, with costs.

TANG-A-WAY v. R. DUNCAN.—A suit against the Superintendent of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, for $13 05, for wages. It appeared, however, that the Superintendent had a counter-claim of $27 against the plaintiff for bad work, and the case was dismissed.

THE UNION DOCK MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—I observe that the *China Mail* of this evening makes it appear that I approved of the remarks that were made by Mr. Spratt at the meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Dock Company held this p.m., while it was simply my wish to approve of them as far as the position of the docks was concerned and the importance of having the question settled at once; will you do me the favor to correct this wrong impression in your paper of to-morrow, and oblige,

Yours truly,
J. H. ENDICOTT

Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

THE STREETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—Can you inform me how is that, with the large staff of police and the numerous convicts that there are in this Colony, the streets are nevertheless allowed to be in a state of dirt which compares very notably with what is seen in Shanghai, and with regard to which a valuable lesson might be taken from the neighbouring colony of Macao, where the means are found easily to clear the streets of the garbage, which is allowed to accumulate in Hongkong, and to become under the rays of the summer sun a fruitful source of several and other diseases? Surely, with all the facilities which Hongkong possesses, some plan might be found to remedy this evil.

Yours faithfully,
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THE LITANY.

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SIR,—Seeing that an enlightened laity must ever be the bulwark of the Protestant Church, may it be asked why, when Prayer is said, it has become the fashion to *lap-streak* the Litany, or, in other words, to so repeat the sentences that the congregation has no time reverently to make the responses, and why does the reader gather speed as he proceeds with it, so as to outwind all devout minds whose real desire is to worship God? In fine, why are all the prayers gabbled?—for occasionally we are reminded that God will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Granted that the faculty of volition of mind is one of the most astonishing of all those with which we have been endowed, no one can follow at that pace from subject to subject of the most awe inspiring character.

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THE TREATY WITH CHINA AND INDIAN FINANCE.

(Pall Mall Gazette.)

It is much to be desired that before the new treaty with China is ratified, the exact effect of the twelfth article upon the finances of India should receive very careful attention from the Queen's Government. The right conferred on the Chinese Government by this article to levy an increased duty upon opium is undisguisedly the consideration for several most important privileges which are to be conceded to the British mercantile community in China, and for a long-desired promise that the Imperial Commissioner shall open out mines in the southern provinces. Now, the opium which will pay this duty is the opium which supplies the Indian Government with several millions of revenue; and nothing is more doubtful than the assertion, which has been confidently made, that the enhanced duty will not affect the sale of the Indian drug. Unfortunately recently the Indian Government has greatly contracted its cultivation of the poppy, in the expectation that a short supply would command an increased price in the Chinese market; but there is reason to fear no doubt that the true effect of this policy has been greatly to extend the growth of the indigenous plant, which had probably been cultivated on a large scale, and from a remote period, in the inland provinces of China. The latest accounts from Calcutta state that the price of opium at the winter sales by the Government in that city has been steadily falling, which simply means that purchasers experience increased facility in selling the Indian drug to the Chinese consumer. There can be no reasonable doubt that the augmented import duty will add seriously to this difficulty, and that the Calcutta prices will decline still further. Low prices, however, imply a loss to the Indian Government, which may possibly be reckoned by millions; and it seems likely that this loss will occur at the very moment when that Government, seconded by the whole force of English opinion in this country and in India, is doing its utmost to make its revenue balance its expenditure. Unless the Governor-General retracts the policy to which he has deeply committed himself amid general applause, the Legislature must immediately supply the imposition of new taxes, or by a heavy addition to the rate of that very income tax which the great Raipoot Prince who sits in the Indian Legislative Council denounced the other day as all imposts the most hateful to his countrymen. We really, therefore, see no escape from the conclusion that the advantages stipulated for in the twelfth article of the treaty ought to be paid for by the people of India, should anything consume a single article of Chinese origin.

The fact that every diminution of the Indian revenues and every addition to Indian expenditure implies the taxation of many millions of the poorest people in the world, is not, as far as possible from being seen by the English public with the proper distinctness. One evil inheritance which the present Indian Government has received from the East India Company is a difficulty in getting the world to and realize that, like all other Governments in the rest of the world, it is a mere trustee for the general community, of funds which come exclusively out of the pockets of that community. The colonists in which Mr. Bright was wont to point as exemplars the Company as a monopolist administration, after all, its revenue by any of dividend among its shareholders, still stick in some degree of the succession on whom obligations are constantly imposed which nobody would consider worthy of serious attention if they were sought to be enforced against a Government of another kind. The Indian Princes who glitter from time to time at London evening parties would have less chance of succeeding in the permanent conspiracy against the Indian revenues conducted by themselves or their agents if it were clearly understood that the compensation for their antiquated grievances can only be obtained by hard fiscal pressure on a great agricultural population, which its own industry and a short experience of good government are only just raising out of the extremest poverty. Yet the moral responsibility of the British Government and public for due care may in the administration of the Indian revenue is not less, but much greater, than their moral responsibility for the proper management of the revenues of England. They are trustees having absolute power over the expenditure of a vast trust fund belonging to a community which is in a state of perpetual infancy, and they are trustees, moreover, who can practically be only called to account by their own conscience. The debate in the House of Lords last session showed it to be probable that the Secretary of State for India could direct any expenditure of public money in India which he pleases, and quite certain that, with the assent of his Council, he can direct it to any extent, whether in India or in England. The existence of such powers can only be justified to History by the utmost circumspection and tenderness in exercising them, and the greatest care in maintaining the integrity of the fund over which they are exercised. It appears to us that if the effect of the Chinese Treaty, when ratified by her Majesty, is to add to the burdens of the natives of India, it is impossible to consider that the British Government, as a whole, has properly acquitted itself of its moral liability. Unless the Twelfth Article admits of some explanation, which we have not been fortunate enough to discover, the people of India will be taxed to pay for the convenience and profit of a community which of all English quasi-colonial societies is probably the least deserving of respect.

It is not impossible that the enhancement of the duty may be recommended to some minds by the very probability that it will injuriously affect the Indian opium revenue. But without discussing the merits of that particular source of public income, it may be well to observe that, though there may be a loss to the Indian Government, and a new Indian tax as its consequence, the effect of adding to the cost of the Indian drug in the Chinese markets will be to cause not less but more opium to be brought from India to China. The Indian Government, unable to sell its commodity for a high price, will infallibly increase its cultivation, and endeavour to recoup itself by bringing huge quantities into the market at low prices; and, if this experiment fails, as it very possibly may, the only reason will be that the indigenous plant will have been so largely cultivated in the interim, and so greatly improved, as to beat, or nearly beat, its Indian competitor out of the field. In any event, the aggregate amount of opium consumed in China will have been increased.

AGRICULTURE IN AMERICA.

(St. Louis.)

The Commissioner of Agriculture in the United States reports that the agriculture of the South is rapidly reviving. The cotton produced in 1868 reached 2,369,099 bales, and that of next year is expected to reach 2,700,000 bales, of which 40 per cent. at least will be manufactured within the Union. Eighty-six mills are already at work in the South alone, all earning large dividends. The "sugar interest is rapidly attaining to former proportions," and fruit culture acquiring a prominence it never before enjoyed, vineyards of hundreds and orchards of thousands of acres having been planted, besides great orange groves. In the summary of the report which we have seen, nothing is said about tobacco, but there seems, no diminution in the supply, and the agriculture of the South may be considered almost renewed.

A STRANGE OMISSION.

(Pall Mall Gazette, December 27th.)

The other day a curious accident occurred in one of the most considerable cities in France. A gentleman who had held office, was an officer of the *Legion d'Honneur*, and the possessor of many decorations, &c., died. He had been a Protestant, Huguenot, Calvinist, what you will, and a bachelor. Having lived a solitary life, he kept but one man servant, who was gardener, groom, valet; and to this person was confided naturally the care of the body. But, then, his grief was overwhelming, and required consolation. This he unfortunately sought in the wine cup; and, to be plain, he got exceedingly drunk, and continued so for the short interval which in France is permitted between death and burial. The day of the funeral arrived, the coffin, which contained a leaden one inside, was brought to the house, and the faithful domestic undertook to perform the necessary offices. The friends and relatives came to follow the deceased to this last home; also a number of high officials, the prefect, military men, &c., with half a battalion of soldiers, to do honour to the medals and decorations and to fire a salute over the grave. Last, but not, in his own estimation, least, came a gentleman whom we may designate the local Pope of the Protestants of the district. Being largely gifted with eloquence of a certain kind, he made two harangues of considerable length; one being delivered before the procession set forth, the other over the tomb. The salute was fired and everything properly performed, but as the company returned, they encountered a number of persons, and some half a dozen gamins; the latter cried out, "Messieurs, nous avons oublié quelque chose." The officials anxiously looked to see whether any of their medals or cut tails had dropped off, while the Protestant minister surveyed his coattails to ascertain what was missing. Not being able to discover anything, they demanded, "et qu'il y avait d'oublier." The reply was, "Mais, messieurs, c'est le mort." And so it turned out. The coffin which had been buried with military honours was empty, the corpse was safe in the pot in which the poor man had died. The officials, of course, dug up again, and three sergeants de ville were told off to cachoes and inter the body safely. The drunken servant had been so overcome by sorrow and wine that he had entirely forgotten to place his master's body in the coffin provided for the purpose.

THE NEW HONGKONG COMPANIES.

(N. C. Daily News.)

The remarkable success which has lately attended the working of many public companies in China, seems to have excited extreme emulation in Hongkong. The news, by a single mail, that four new companies have been launched simultaneously, is rather startling; and the fact that two pairs are competitors, does not lessen the interest. It is easy to understand that the owner of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company should have stimulated the formation of a second; the idea, too, that regular steam communication between Hongkong, Cochin China, and the Straits might develope a remunerative trade, was intelligent and logical. But that each of the conceptions should result in twins, is rather surprising. We hope our colonial friends may not prove to have overshot the mark.

There is, no doubt, a very large traffic between Amoy, Hongkong and the Straits, in which Saigon and Bangkok are becoming gradually linked; and that a line of steamers should be started to carry this traffic, is a plan in the gradual displacement of sailing vessels by steamers, which is going on all over the world. But whether two Companies will be able, at once, to find remunerative employment on the new route, is another question. Similarly, there can be no doubt, that a splendid field lay before the promoters of a new Fire Insurance Office, to replace the company which was so foolishly allowed to die out in Shanghai. The extravagant success of the "Hongkong" was certain to induce competition; and it would have been safe to predict that any competitor, well launched, would run a successful career. But whether two new companies will succeed, may be questioned. If they do so, it can only be by striving vigorously after the result indicated by their projectors—wresting a large proportion of business from the hands of House Associations, which are backing a large business through their China branches.

In the meantime, we heartily congratulate Hongkong on the energy of which it has given proof. It rides largely, of course, on outside subscriptions; but the ventures are still Hongkong ventures, and Hongkong will possess the Central Offices. $4,000,000—the aggregate capital of the four Companies—seems a large amount. But less than half this sum is really called up; that call, again, extending over a considerable period. A Fire Insurance Company with a large nominal capital inspires more confidence; though associates expect to pay only a small proportion of the nominal share. So, though the capital of the two new Fire Companies aggregates $3,000,000, the actual call is less than in the case of the two steamer companies, which aggregate $1,100,000. We have no doubt that the required sum will be readily subscribed among the various places interested; and only regret to see two promising ventures jeopardised by competition at the outset. Speaking from a Shanghai point of view, too, we must confess a certain degree of regret to see a Fire Insurance Company, which was our legitimate property, transferred to Hongkong.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY EVENING.

The ding market continues inactive and weak. The following are the ruling prices:—Now Patna, $532; New Benares, $508; Old Patna $547; Old Benares, $552; to $555; Malwa, $632½ to $635. Nothing has been done in Raw Cotton or Saltpetre.

In Shares, there are to be noted sales of a few Victoria Fire, which changed hands at $25 premium, there being still buyers at that figure, but holders asking $30 premium; also a small lot of China Fire at $20 premium, with further buyers at that figure, but sellers not willing to take it, and 20 Hongkong Fire at $185 premium cash, and 10 at $210 premium for end of June. Of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Shares there have been small sales at 29 per cent. premium, cash.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/6 to 4/5½
Credits, at 6 months' sight, 4/5½
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5½
Bank Bills on demand, 4/5½

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, 3 days' sight, 74
Private, 30 days' sight, 74½

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222

" BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old... 27 to 28 prem.
New... 19 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock..... 6 dis.
H'kong, C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares..... 20 cash prem.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares..... $1,400 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares..... $185 pr. per s.
Union Dock Shares..... 40 dis.
Hongkong Hotel Shares..... 60 to 70
Victoria Fire..... 30 low ex. prem.
China Fire..... 30

SALES ON 1ST MARCH, 1870.

T-Cloth, Tha, 200 pieces, at $2.18, by Parsee merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Window Glass, 30 cases, at $2.20, by Tung Wo Cheong to Canton merchant.

Cutlefish, 5 picals, at $38.00, by Tung Wo Cheong to Canton merchant.

Ningpo Cotton, 30 bales, at $26.10, Chuen Cheong Wing to Wu Sang.

Black Sessamums, 400 picals, at Tls. 4.0.5., by Fook Wing Loong to Hoilloong merchant.

Green Tea, 100 picals, at $2.23, by Fook Wing Loong to travelling merchant.

Notices of Firms.

WE have appointed Mr. SOHABJEE DOSSABHOY SHEADAR as our sole authorized partner to establish our firm in Hongkong, Shanghai, and elsewhere in China.
N. KISSOWJEE & Co.
1m 403 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. MOHAMUDBHOY NEUSEY to establish our branch firm in Shanghai, and conduct the business thereof.
N. KISSOWJEE & Co.
1m 402 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established a branch of my firm, at Shanghai; and Mr. DORABJEE BEHRAMJEE is authorized to sign the same.
D. C. TATA.
1d 416 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY REID KINNEAR is authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
KINNEAR, LARKEN & Co.
1m 327 Foochow, 31st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. S. MAYERS in the firm of BONHAM, MAYERS & Co., ceased from the 20th instant.

The firm will now be conducted under the name and style of
BONHAM & HOEFLICH.
1m 283 Yokohama 24th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established a branch of our House at Pankow.

The business at our Agencies in Tientsin, Kiukiang and Ningpo, will hereafter be conducted in the name of our firm by our recognized Agents in charge.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 182 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this port as a Ship Broker and Commission Agent.
D. MUNRO.
tf 102 Amoy, January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM PROBST in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. OTTO CHRISTIAN BEHR and Mr. JOHANNES F. COMINS are admitted Partners therein from this date.

Mr. F. LANGKEN and Mr. C. W. SIEGFRIED, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN FALCONER ROSE has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
H. P. ROBERTSON & Co.
6m 103 Foochow, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
tf 2902 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. V. DAVIS retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. R. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
tf 1166 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR SAIGON.

THE British ship
"HERTFORDSHIRE,"
will be dispatched for the above Port at Noon TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 2nd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
2d 417 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Russian Steamer
"COURIER,"
Capt. Nyc, will leave for the above port TO-DAY, the 2nd March, at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
2d 403 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR MANILA.

THE Spanish Steamship
"MANILA,"
will leave this for the above port shortly after the arrival of the French Mail from Europe.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 404 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

FOR MANILA.

THE Spanish barque
"SANTA ANA,"
Captain Gavito, will have immediate dispatch for the above port.
For Freight and Passage, apply to
HEANDAO & Co.
tf 411 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

FOR SAIGON AND SINGAPORE.

THE China-Sea, Saigon, & Straits Steamship Company's, Limited, Steamer
"ORLOEF,"
due here on the 2nd proximo, will be dispatched for the above ports on or about the 5th March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
6d 409 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamer
"VENUS,"
will have dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 401 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

FOR MARSEILLES AND PARIS,
via the SUEZ CANAL.

THE A 1 French barque
"PARIS FORT DE MER,"
Capt. G. Franc, having the great portion of her cargo on board, will meet with quick despatch as above.
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LAND TRIN & Co.
tf 397 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

FOR SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.

THE A 1 British barque
"SOPHIE,"
Green, Master, will meet with quick dispatch.
For Cabin, Freight or Passage, apply to
BOURAL, HUISSIER & Co.
tf 382 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

FOR YOKOHAMA, *direct.*

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tf 376 Hongkong, 25th February, 1870.

FOR MANILA.

THE A 1 Spanish Brig
"SAN LORENZO,"
will meet with quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
tf 376 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

THE North German Barque
"HERTHA,"
will have dispatch for the above port.
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AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
1m 355 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1870.

FOR NEW YORK *via* THE PHILIPPINES.

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For Freight, apply to
SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
tf 329 Hongkong, 17th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American ship
"PANTHER,"
Captain Killon, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
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RUSSELL & Co.
tf 309 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

THE North German ship
"HERMANN DOCTOR,"
Grave, Master, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
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RUSSELL & Co.
tf 310 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

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"MALAY,"
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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American ship
"WITCH OF THE WAVE,"
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AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 216 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

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"WM. WILSON,"
Captain Welburn, of 848 Tons Register, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
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FOR SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.

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Capt. Green, will be dispatched for the above Ports.
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THE A 1 British ship
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Capt. Fry, will have quick dispatch as above.
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AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 104 Hongkong, 17th January, 1870

FOR SYDNEY.

THE British barque
"ESK,"
Capt. Nobbs, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
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tf 1466 Hongkong, 7th August, 1869.

FOR SALE.

MANILA HARD WOOD, consisting of MOLAVES, BANABAS, ARANGAS, and other descriptions. Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 1102 Hongkong, 12th August 1868.

FOR SALE.

THE desirable PROPERTY on *Queen's Road*, lately occupied by Messrs. SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.
For particulars, apply to
SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
tf 2032 Hongkong, 10th December, 1867.

FOR SALE.

To arrive, per "Isles of the South."

3 BROADWOOD & SONS PIANOFORTES in Solid Mahogany.
1 SEMI-GRAND,
1 COTTAGE-GRAND, } Selected for this
1 COTTAGE (upright.) } climate.
For particulars, address A.B.C., care of this paper.
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ROEDERER CARTE BLANCHE.
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ROEDERER GLADIATEUR.
SANDER & Co.,
Sole Agents for Hongkong and China.
tf 1694 Hongkong, 3rd September, 1869.

For Sale.

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ALEXANDRE BOYER,
HAS received a large Assortment of SILKS, Black and Colored VELVETS.
Ladies' White Satin and Black Kid BOOTS.
Gentlemen's French BOOTS.
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PERFUMERY.
33, Queen's Road, Sale
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tf 2268 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1870.

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A CARGO of Oregon LUMBER, now landing, ex-ship *F. A. Palmer*, consisting of Square TIMBER, and 1 inch to 4 inch PLANK.
For sale in lots to suit purchasers, either from ship's side or from the Yard. Apply to
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1m 382 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

FOR SALE.

DOMECQ'S SHERRY, bottled by Henry Hitchie, in 1 and 2 dozen cases, and in Octaves and Quarter casks.
Palacio & Co., of Xeres,
DRY AMONTILLADO SHERRY.
Blanchy and Carenou's
CLARET and COGNAC.
Apply to
A. G. HOGG & Co.
tf 214 Hongkong, 26th February, 1869.

FOR SALE.

FOUR large North China PONIES, quiet and kind, single and double Harness; also one large PONY, carrier a lady. To be seen at Stables corner of *Aberdeen Street* and *Hollywood Road.*
tf 198 Hongkong, 20th January, 1870.

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ALL descriptions of ACCOUNT BOOKS, of English manufacture.
Prices Moderate.
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200 CASKS best Portland CEMENT.
Apply to
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.
tf 2289 Hongkong, 25th November, 1869.

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WIRE ROPE, in the sizes, 1½ to 4 inches.
Apply to
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tf 1972 Hongkong, 13th October, 1869.

FOR SALE.

39 LOGS Camphor WOOD, Ships' TIMBERS.
11 Ships' HOOPS, Hard and Camphor
50 double Ships' KNEES, } Camphor WOOD.
24 single do. } RAYNAL & Co.
tf 2889 Hongkong, 3rd December, 1869.

1500 TONS best Lump Anthracite COAL, from Pitston Mine, per *Which of the Wave.* Apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 74 Hongkong, 12th January, 1870.

FOR SALE.

FRESH CALIFORNIAN HAY and OATS.
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tf 1610 Hongkong, 23rd August, 1869.

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DRAUGHT PORTER, in Kilderkins.
Apply to
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J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE and PORTER.
DAVID CORSAR & SONS' CANYAS.
Merchant Navy
Navy Boiled
Long Flax
Crown
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 1136 Hongkong, 11th May, 1867.

FOR SALE.

CHEDDAR CHEESE, in Cases.
Hennessy's BRANDY in Cases.
Guinness's STOUT, in Pints and Quarts.
Bass's PALE ALE, in Pints and Quarts.
CHAMPAGNE ALE.
GUEDES & Co.
tf 90 Hongkong, 14th January, 1870.

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!
RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.
MUST BE CLOSED ON 1ST MARCH, 1870.

ULLMANN begs respectfully to inform his friends and the Public of Hongkong, that he is selling off his valuable Stock of Clothing, Fancy Goods, Jewellery, Watches, Chains, Perfumery, and other Articles at Invoice prices, in consequence of his retiring from business. The above stock comprises a fine assortment of new goods, as late arrivals, also a superior stock of Japanese Ware.

All outstanding accounts must be paid, and all claims collected, before the above date.

Nos. 96 and 98, Hyson Bazaars,
Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.
tf 1580 Hongkong, 13th August, 1869.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, HONGKONG.

TRUSTEES—
The Colonial-Secretary,
The

Extracts.

Servant-problem in New Zealand.

I must end my long letter by telling you a little story of my own personal experience in the odd ways of these girls. The housemaid at the lodging-house where we have stayed since we left Heathlock, is a fat, sonsy, so-of-natured girl, perfectly ignorant and stupid, but she has not been long in the colony, and seems willing to learn. She came to me the other day, and, without the least circumlocution or hesitation, asked me if I would lend her my riding-habit as a pattern to give the tailor; adding, that she wanted my best and newest. As soon as I could speak for amazement, I naturally asked why; she said she had been given a riding-horse, that she had *loaned* a saddle, and bought a hat, so now she had nothing on her mind except the habit; and further added that she had intended to leave her situation the day before she raced, and that it was "my fixed intent" to appear on horseback each day, and all day long, at these said races. I inquired if she knew how to ride? No; she had never mounted any animal in her life. I suggested that she had better take some lessons before her appearance in public; but she said her mistress did not like to spare her to "practice," and she stuck steadily to her point of wanting my habit as a pattern. I could not lend it to her, fortunately, for it had been sent up to the station with my saddle, &c.; so had she been killed, as I thought not, at all unlikely, at least my conscience would not have reproached me for aiding and abetting her equestrian feat. I inquired from every one who went to the races if they saw or heard of any accident to a woman on horseback, and I most assiduously searched the newspapers to see if they contained any notice of the sort, but as there has been no mention of any catastrophe, I suppose she has escaped safely. Her horse must have been quieter and better broken than they generally are. F—— says that probably it was a very old "station screw." I trust so, for her sake!—*Station Life in New Zealand. By Lady Barker.*

Desperadoes.

We reached the camp of the emigrant at about three a.m., and entering the abandoned station of the Overland Stage Company, slept soundly till roused by noise of the preparation for breakfast. After we had eaten and began to saddle our animals, Williams rode up, and entering the house rather roughly, told the lady like wife of the emigrant to make him a breakfast. Some sharp words passed between us, and Williams left the house, with an oath and a muttered threat. Poston beckoned to me, and we went out. Our companion stood a few yards from the door, with his back toward us, and did not notice our approach. Poston drawing his revolver, called Williams by name. Taken by surprise, he wheeled around, and catching a sight of the revolver, made a motion toward his own, but he was too old a hand to draw a pistol against one already pointed at him. "Williams," continued Poston in the coolest tone, "Purposely and I have concluded that it wouldn't be safe for you to go to California." The last man you killed has not been dead long enough, and they have a way there of hanging men like you. We don't stop to shoot you, for we don't the time to bury you. You may keep the outfit, but you had better go back and join your friend, one-eyed Jack, down there by the river; you and he can't kill us, and you can't get our silver." With a hearty laugh Williams held out his hand. "Give us your hand; you're sharper by a d—d sight than I thought you was; you'll do for the border; good morning!" and jumping into the saddle he put spurs to his horse and rode away by the road he had come. We watched him as he rode off, and could not help laughing at the fellow's cool impudence. After riding a short distance he turned, and, waving his hat, shouted: "Good-bye; bully for you!—you'll do for the border." I have given this scene in full, as an illustration of the character of a representative of one type of the frontiersman. The desperadoes were *increasing* begins in Lower California, and stretches several hundred miles northward, between the Sierra Nevada and the Colorado river. Portions of this great area are depressed below the level of the sea. Where we crossed it, partly in Lower California and partly in California, it was the worst of deserts. Its centre, along our route, was a broad plain of fine, sandy clay, strewn with fresh-water shells, as I appeared to be the dry bed of a fresh-water lake, which was once, probably, supplied from the Colorado river. Away from this plain the surface is covered with ridges of shifting sand. The wells dug by the Overland Stage Company yield a sulphurous and alkaline water, so bitter as to be unutterable, excepting when the traveller is driven to it by fear of death from thirst. Indeed, it often induces a disease which sometimes proves fatal. On no desert have I seen the mirage so beautiful as here. Riding one night, we saw before us a cool fire, by which we found an American and one Mexican. As meeting a traveller on a desert is always an event, we dismounted and smoked while the others were eating. The American was on his way to Sonora, and the Mexican was his guide. We told him how dangerous it was for to travel through the intermediate country, and in Sonora. "Well, I guess I'm pretty sure-proof against bullet and lance, stranger; just feel here;" he replied, putting his hand on his breast. We felt his shirt, and found it double, and lined all round with discs of something heavy. "Those are all twenty-dollar gold pieces; I'm pretty much proof," he continued. He was anxious to give further warning to one who published the fact that he was encased in gold, so we left him to his fate. We heard afterward, all the way to Los Angeles, that he had everywhere boasted of his golden armour; and, later still that he had been murdered by his guide. This man was the associate of Palmer, with whom he had caused an excitement in San Francisco about a rich silver mine they pretended to have discovered in a volcano in the Sierra Nevada. After raising a large sum of money they decamped. The body of Palmer was discovered sometime afterward in Tulare county.—*Across America and Asia. By Raphael Pumpelly.*

FOR SALE.

(Under power contained in the Mortgage Deed),

ALL those valuable Premises situate in Hongkong, abutting on *Queen's Road* on the South, and partly on the *Praya* on the North, formerly occupied by Messrs. SHORT, KENNEDY & Co., and now in the occupation of Messrs. E. SCHELHAAS & Co. The Premises are built on Marine Lot No. 101, and are held under Lease from the Crown for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £30 per annum. The Premises are spacious and airy, and the ground comprises an area of 14,400 square feet.

Also,

Those valuable Premises adjoining the above on its Western boundary, formerly in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank, and now in the occupation of Messrs HEMSE & Co. These Premises are built on Inland Lot No. 514, and are likewise held under a Crown Lease for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £24 10s. per annum, and the Lot contains an area of 4,750 square feet.

The above valuable Property will be sold by Public Auction in Hongkong on some early day (of which due notice will be given), unless previously disposed of by private contract.

For further particulars, apply to

MESSRS. GILMAN & Co.,

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HENRY C. CALDWELL, Esq., *Solicitor.*

tf 58 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

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SHIPCHANDLER, COMPRADORE, AND FAMILY GROCER.

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Families and Shipping furnished with every kind of Supplies. Ballast and Water provided at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.—*H. London Roof* ly 2468

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HOUSE, SHIP, AND STEAMBOAT PLUMBER,

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tf 2084 Hongkong, 4th November, 1869.

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tf 1014 Hongkong, 24th May, 1869.

THE undersigned has always on hand all kinds of Best COALS for Sale. For particulars, apply to

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tm 2216 Hongkong, 23rd November, 1869.

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c

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TO LET, three Rooms, with servants' offices, suitable for one or two gentlemen, and a stable suitable for two horses and a carriage, situated in a central and airy position, on the *Caine Road.*

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tf 289 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

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HOUSES in *Mosque Street*, commanding a full view of the harbour. Rents moderate. Apply to

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tf 294 Hongkong, 11th February, 1870.

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IN West Terrace, *Cains Road*, Nos. 3, 4, and 5, containing Four rooms each. Bath room, &c. Rent moderate. Apply to

THOS. W. BARRINGTON.

47, *Wyndham Street.*

tf 267 Hongkong, 8th February, 1870.

TO LET.

TWO FLOORS of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.

tf 226 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

TO LET.

THAT conveniently situated BUNGALOW, at Kowloon, close by the No. 1 Police Station, containing three rooms, with Garden, and a well of excellent water; well adapted for picnics, &c. Address S. A., *Daily Press* Office.

tf 227 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

TO LET.

HOUSES Nos. 1 and 3, *Peddler's Hill*, each containing four rooms, with outhouses, &c., Water and Gas laid on.

Granite GODOWNS (fire-proof), below *Peddler's Hill.*

For Particulars, apply to

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Corner of Peel and Cage Streets.

tf 206 Hongkong, 1st February, 1870.

TO LET.

THE HOUSE, No. 8, *Lyndhurst Terrace*, with large and commodious rooms, offices, and treasure room, also Godowns beneath. Apply to

E. PABANEY,

Cage Street.

tf 188 Hongkong, 28th January, 1870.

TO LET,

(With possession on 1st January next).

THE very desirable Business PREMISES, adjoining the corner of *D'Aguilar Street* and *Wellington Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. A. HOYER & Co. Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 2347 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

TO LET,

(With immediate possession).

THAT desirable BUNGALOW, known as "Greenmount," situate on the *Bonham Road*, and till lately in the occupation of C. H. MOSGAR, Esq.

For Particulars, apply to

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tf 295 Hongkong, 19th November, 1869.

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FIRST-CLASS Granite GODOWNS, at *Wanchai*, from 12 to 30,000 piculs capacity. Apply to

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tf 1790 Hongkong, 17th September, 1869.

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The houses have recently been painted and put in thorough repair.

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tf 1686 Hongkong, 19th August, 1869

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 1957 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

TO LET.

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tf 1968 Hongkong, 30th September, 1869.

HOUSES TO LET.

IN various Parts of Hongkong. A list of HOUSES with *size, locality* and *terms* can be seen at No. 47, *Wyndham Street.*

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tf 2504 Hongkong, 16th December, 1868.

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THAT commodious family residence in *Bonham Road*, known as "Persepolis," containing 12 Rooms, besides basement story, with rooms, Coach House and Stable, Gas and Water laid on.

Also, Croquet ground, Flower and Vegetable garden. Apply to

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tf 1869 Hongkong, 4th June, 1869.

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SEVERAL Strong compodious GODOWNS, very conveniently situated on Marine Lot No. 63, between Messrs. JOHN BURN & Co.'s premises and Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Wharf.

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tf 920 Hongkong, 29th April, 1869.

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tf 2348 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.

THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandize in their own Boats, and to receive the same on storage in their class GRANITE GODOWNS on moderate terms.

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.

tf Hongkong, 4th March, 1867.

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A BUNGALOW at *Pokefulam*. Apply to

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tf 1683 Hongkong, 1st September, 1869.

TO BE LET.

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tf 1274 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

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tf 1513 Hongkong, 9th August, 1869.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

SECURITY

SHOULD BE THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS.

THE Directors of the Royal Insurance Company have the pleasure of supplying the following information to the public, as evidence situated in a central and airy position, on the assurers:—

THE CAPITAL

of the Company, available for the purpose of meeting any unusual calamity happening to the Assured, is

TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

The amount actually paid up is £288,495. This, with the Accumulated Funds in Hand, makes the invested resources of the Company upwards of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, which amount is invested as follows:—

Invested Funds of the Royal Insurance Company, 30th June, 1866.

Real Property owned by the Company	£219,571 11 3
Mortgages on Freehold Property £3,000 Reduced 3 per cent.	33,500 0 0
India Government 5 per cent. Debentures	28,685 1 3
English Railway Debenture Bonds	109,000 0 0
Ditto ditto English Railway Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	59,030 17 7
Loans to Local Authorities of various towns in Great Britain, who have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State to borrow the amounts	335,476 11 11
Bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board	146,560 13 6
Bonds of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co.	62,341 14 8
Bonds of the Liverpool Corporation	10,000 0 0
Loan	5,160 0 0
United States Government Stocks	101,330 7 10
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock	31,106 11 6
Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks, with margins from 20 to 50 per cent. on market values	477,195 0 0
Loans on Security of Life Policies	63,988 8 5
	£1,672,356 16 11

The above is a complete list of the Investments of the Company at the date specified, in addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents.

At 31st Dec. 1868, these stood at £168,689 2 0

For the satisfaction of the Public, the whole of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—

"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-book, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."

THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT,

After payment of Losses, Annuities and Expenses of every description, have been as follows:—Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec. 1864 ..... £321,434 15 5

Added to Stat December, 1865	103,146 7 3
" " " 1866	124,195 7 8
" " " 1867	128,863 5 10
" " " 1868	144,945 12 2

Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of Shareholders' Capital £1,122,575 8 1

The Directors also think it desirable to State that THE BUSINESS OF THE "ROYAL" HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.

And that the LIABILITY of its Shareholders is UNLIMITED.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., *Agents.*

2178 Hongkong, 6th November, 1869.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurances, *viz.*—

Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents.	½ per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents.	¾ per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents.	1 per cent

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company

tf 934 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $30,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 471 Hongkong, 8th March, 1865.

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 2096 Hongkong, 9th November, 1868.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON

INCORPORATED 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRADE INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.

JAMES HARTLEY & Co.—*Managers.*

ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned is authorized to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers.

W. MACAULAY, *Agent.*

tf Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month	¼ of the annual rate
Above 1 month, but not exceeding	⅓ do. do.
Above 3 months, but not exceeding	½ do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.	

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.

tf 975 Hongkong, 13th August, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours or Dock, and the Gurgoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

Insurances.

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OF

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Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months...	¾ do. do.
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